CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	HTCG17168_16 Carved Image 11
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1800616.014
Medium:	Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	The District Court at Dunedin
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	28 March 2019
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file depicts a man sexually abusing a young girl and is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The image is clearly intended to titillate or arouse those with a sexual interest in young girls. The availability of such material encourages the creation or reinforcement of this sexual interest by presenting children as available and appropriate subjects for adult sexual gratification. The objectionable classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes and also reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from such exploitation.